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NOTE FOR: The Director

SUBJECT: Your Memo of 14 July Concerning PRC(I) Agenda Item 3

Several steps

Two points seem to me to be very important:

1. That there is no necessary correlation between the importance of a National Intelligence Topic and the amount of money that is allocated to collect against it or to analyze about it. Some important subjects can be discussed using relatively easily acquired information. Some others require support from extremely expensive systems.

2. Some subjects will be more important in the future than they are today, but we need to allocate collection and analysis dollars now to be ready later. Sometimes the dollar amounts which should be allocated are quite substantial, even though they have only an indirect relationship to today's priority lists. If the budget is to be forward-looking, it must take this into account.

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